

Fall Outings List from the Charlotte Sierra Club

Nov.6, Thursday, 9 AM to Noon

Paddle the Myakka River Rookery

Bring your kayak or canoe and do a short exploratory with Elaine and Terry Dotson. We'll launch from the Bob Johnson park to the Rookery, then stop to have lunch at the Myakka River Oyster Bar before returning. Participants must provide their own water craft, PFD, and be able to swim. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 661-6308.

Nov. 20, Wednesday, 9:30AM - 2PM

Kayak and Hike Shell Creek

Shell Creek is now coming into bloom with lavender banks of Climbing Asters. This is one of our most popular outings! Get the pristine feel of the area as the original settlers saw it. Join us as we paddle with Master Naturalist Rick Fried, who lives on the Creek. You must provide your own watercraft, PFD and be able to swim. This outings is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Details and reserve, (941) 637-8805.

Nov.21, Thursday, 9AM - 2PM

Paddle the Deer Prairie Creek Preserve

We'll launch our kayaks at the Preserve parking lot and follow the Creek all the way out to the Myakka River, where we'll stop to have lunch at the Myakka River Oyster Bar before returning. Participants must provide their own watercraft, PFD, and be able to swim. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 661-6308.

Nov.24, Sunday, 10AM – 1 PM.

Kayak from Quarry Lake to Myakka State Forest and back

Because we may have to negotiate shallow water conditions, this outing is recommended for experienced kayakers. After we cross the Myakka River, we'll pull up to the dock at the Myakka State Forest and pause to have lunch. If time allows, we'll do a short nature walk to see what's blooming before returning to Quarry Lake. You must provide your own watercraft, PFD, and be able to swim. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 423-2713.

Nov. 26, Tuesday, 9AM – 3 PM

Paddle Lettuce Lake and have lunch with Rick Fried

This is one of our most popular outings. We'll kayak from Lettuce lake through narrow twisting channels to the Peace River. There, we will pause to have lunch at the Nav-A – Gator Restaurant before returning on a shorter different route. You must provide your own watercraft, PFD, be able to swim, and bring money to buy your lunch. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 637-8805.

Dec. 5, Thursday, 9 AM to 11 AM

Kayak through the Ponce mangroves with the Dotsons

Bring your kayak and join us as we paddle in and out of the mangrove tunnels of Charlotte Harbor, with Sierra Outings Leaders Elaine and Terry Dotson showing us the way. Participants must provide their own watercraft, PFD, and be able to swim. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 661-6308.

Dec. 9, Monday, 9:30 – 2 PM

Kayak and Hike Shell Creek

Shell Creek is blooming with lavender banks of Climbing Asters. Paddle with us to the upper creek to see the fossilized shells that give this beautiful creek its name. Your guide is Rick Fried who lives on the creek. You must provide your own watercraft, PFD, and be able to swim. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 637-8805.

Dec. 17, Tuesday, 9 AM to 3 PM

Paddle Lettuce Lake and have lunch with Rick Fried

This is one of our most popular outings! We will kayak from Lettuce Lake exploring a maze of narrow, twisting channels that wander through overhanging oaks, hickories, and giant leather ferns, until we open up into the Peace River. There we will pause to have lunch at the Nav-A-Gator Restaurant, before returning back to our cars via a shorter route. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 637-8805.

Dec.19, Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM

Paddle Myrtle Slough in Charlotte County

Bring your kayak and join Jim Story as he leads us through a freshwater jungle near Charlotte Harbor, then on to the Shell Creek waterfall and dam. You must provide your own watercraft, PFD, and be able to swim. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 505-8904.

Dec.27, Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM

Paddle Lettuce Lake and have lunch with Rick Fried

This is one of our most popular outings! We'll kayak from Lettuce Lake exploring a variety of scenery on narrow twisting channels, until everything opens up on the Peace River. From here we will pause to have lunch at the Nav-A-Gator Restaurant on the water. We will return to our cars via a shorter route. This outing is free to the public. Voluntary donations to the Sierra Club are always gratefully accepted. Reserve, (941) 637-8805.